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From the Home Journal.

**Court Gossip.**

We have received from a diplomatic friend the following clever letter, throwing light upon the peculiarities of the Emperor Nicholas.

I cannot help giving you a little Russian gossip. G——, who is lately from the banks of the Neva, relates the following anecdote of the Emperor, which contains a degree of capriciousness and fun, that proves his Highness to be at once droll and a tyrant.

A worthy Russian gentleman was one day passing along the street, when he was accosted by an acquaintance who asked him if he had heard of the victory of the Imperial troops over one of the Circassian hordes, with which the government was at war. The narrator stated the time at which the conflict had occurred, by which it seemed, in a country where electric telegraphs were as yet unknown, that it was utterly impossible the bullet could have been transmitted so rapidly. The Russian immediately doubted the story, in consequence of this fact; and, giving his acquaintance "good Morrow," passed on his way. Scarcely had he reached home, however, when he was tapped on the shoulder by a *gens d'armes*, and marched to the *bureau* of the *chef de police*.

Arrived at the office, he was interrogated by the functionary as to the fact of his having doubted the receipt of the morning's news, and, at once admitted that he had done so in consequence of the apparent impossibility of traversing so vast a country in so brief a space of time.

"You still seem to doubt it?" said the chief of the police inquiringly.

"I confess I do," replied the Russian.

"Well, sir, your knowledge and powers of calculation must be improved," rejoined the official.

At a signal from the judge, the Russian was removed from his presence, and, on reaching the door, he found a *chaise de poste* in waiting, into which he was rapidly thrust. Away bounded the steeds over the streets of St. Petersburg, and for many a weary and sleepless hour, and many a dreary day and night, on they flew with the luckless doubt, until the postillions drew bridle on the battle-field in question.

"We have orders to show you every attempt on possible, on the field of action between the Russians and Circassians, on the — day of —," said an officer who stepped up to the coach door. "Look at it well, sir, if you please, so that its features will be familiar to you when you get back to St. Petersburg."

A half hour's repose was allowed to the flying trav'ler, when he was again thrust into the vehicle, and the heads of the wild horses turned homewards.

Faster and faster, faster even than before flew the Russian sceptic over the frozen ground, until almost inanimate with fatigue, and anxiety, he arrived at the capital in precisely the same time that had been consumed in the transmission of the victory over the Circassians!

The panting steeds were drawn up at the door of the police office, and the fainting traveller, supported by a couple of *gens d'armes*, was led into the presence of the smiling chief.

"You look tired, my dear sir," said the functionary—"and seem to have travelled fast! How looked the battle-field?"

"Oh! charming!" said the Russian, "but I'm almost dead with fatigue!"

"I hope not," retorted the chief; "but don't doubt the speed of a government courier another time; and, whilst you have certainly discovered that every thing is possible for his Imperial Highness, I will thank you to hand over — troubles to pay the cost of your rather expensive journey! Knowledge, sir, is a luxury which cannot be too dearly paid for!"

B. M.

We find the following in lord Campbell's lives of the chancellors of England:

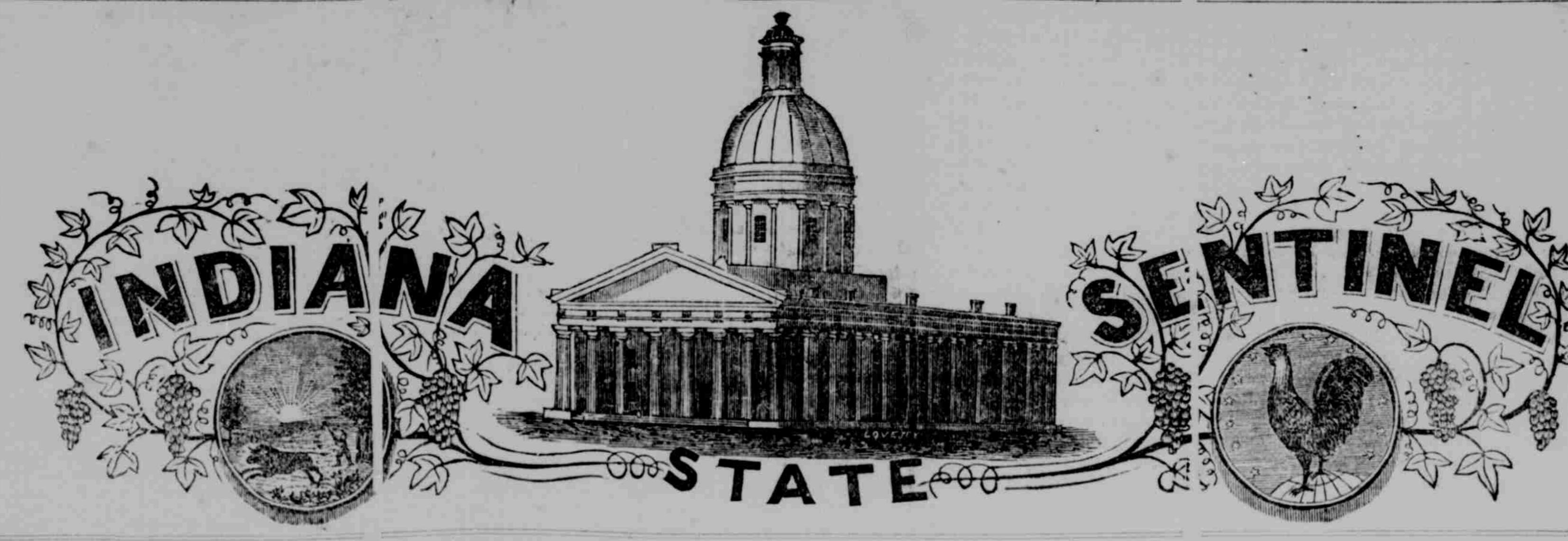
"When we read in history of civil commotions and foreign invasions, we are apt to suppose that all the ordinary business of life was suspended. But on inquiry, we find that it went on pretty much as usual, unless where interrupted by actual violence. While the Prince of Orange was advancing to the capital, and James was marching out to give him battle, his army would have stood to me, — the Court of Chancery remained regularly to hear 'exceptions' and 'motions for time to plead'; and on the very day on which the Princess Anne fled to Nottingham, and her unhappy father exclaimed, in the extremity of his agony, 'God help me! my own children have forsaken me,' the Lord Chancellor declared, that 'if an administrator pays a debt due by bond he is not liable to a decree in Equity, he is still liable to pay the debt due by the decree.' — (21st Nov., 1688, 2 Vernon, ss. Scarel v. Lane.) This, however, appears to have been the last day of his sitting."

An Irish attorney, who died poor, was buried by a shilling subscription. Some one asked Curran for his shilling.

"For what?" he exclaimed.

"To bury an attorney."

"Here, take this pound note, and bury twenty of them at a shilling a head."



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**SEMI-WEEKLY.**

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**EXHAUSTION OF TALK.** — How long the lamp of conversation holds out to burn, between two persons only, is curiously set down in the following passage from Count Gontaloni's account of his imprisonment.

"I am an old man now; yet by fifteen years my soul is younger than my body! Fifteen years I existed, for I did not live—it was not life—in the soft sum dungeon, ten feet square! During six years I had a companion; during nine I was alone! I never could rightly distinguish the face of him who had captured my captivity in the eternal twilight of our cell." The first year we talked incessantly together; we related our past lives, our joys forever gone, over and over again. The next year we communicated to each other our thoughts and ideas on all subjects. The third year, we had no idea to communicate; we were beginning to lose the power of reflection.

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**Death from a Slight Cold.**

By neglecting those salutary precautions which common sense dictates, many, very many, fall victims to their impudence. We have seen the young bride, shivering as it were, at the boudoir and the fair flower of hope, the pride of her father and the joy of her mother, dashed with anticipation, and her eye dimmed with tears, from the thought of having given up the last spark of life, the last vestige of the flame of life, with the man who had been her husband for a short and the chief cause of her misery. It is just that she should be buried in the grave of her beloved.

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